

### **III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Figure 1 in the present application.

First, the undersigned thanks Examiner Tran for the discussion of this application, and specifically concerning the pending claims. As noted in the subsequent interview summary, claim 2 has now been amended to include the limitation that "each runway includes one of said main cylinders and one of said secondary cylinders."

Claim 3 has been cancelled and claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 2.

Since the prior runway systems have not used nor suggested the specific arrangement of main and secondary cylinders, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2 and 4 patentably distinguish over the art and are now in allowable condition. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

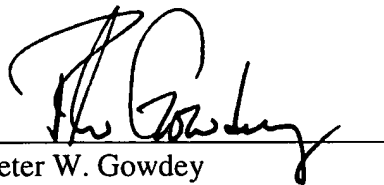
### **CONCLUSION**

Claims 2-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Upon entering this amendment, claims 2 and 4 will be pending in this application. Claim 3 has been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims in light of the amendments and the above remarks.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

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## VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 32, has been replaced with the following rewritten paragraph:

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The object of the present invention is thus to provide a volumetric operating system for vehicle lifts, in particular of the scissors type, which permits synchronized movement of the runways.

The paragraph beginning on page 2, line 6, has been replaced with the following rewritten paragraph:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The characteristics, objects and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent from the following description and from the attached drawings relative to a non-limiting embodiment. In the various figures:

Figure 1 is a schematic view of the volumetric operating system for lifts according to the prior art; and

Figure 2 is a schematic view of the volumetric operating system for lifts according to the present invention.

The paragraph beginning on page 2, line 17, has been replaced with the following rewritten paragraph:

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

With reference firstly to figure 1, a volumetric operating system 100 for scissors-type vehicle lifts has firstly two runways 112, 114. With each runway there is associated at least one pair of scissors (not shown), which is controlled by a respective pair of cylinders 116, 118 and 120, 122. ~~Pressurised~~ Pressurized fluid, for example oil, air or liquid, is supplied via a valve 124 and two pipes 128 and 130 to the two cylinders 116 and 118 which are associated with the first runway 112. It will be appreciated that upstream from the valve 124, there are present the corresponding command and control components, which are not described in detail, since they are not relevant

for the purposes of the present invention. Two pipes 132, 134 supply respectively to the two cylinders 120, 122 which are associated with the second runway 114, the fluid output from the rod chamber of the cylinders 116, 118. In other words, the system 100 is of the serial type, in which, with the first runway 112 there are associated the main cylinders 116, 118, and with the second runway 114 there are associated the secondary cylinders 120, 122. However, since in a volumetric system the main cylinders tend to fill before the secondary cylinders, in the case of the device in figure 1, the runway 112 tends to rise before the runway 114. Consequently, the vehicle is not raised perfectly parallel to the ground, and the force on the pairs of cylinders is asymmetrical, with all the resulting problems.

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claims 2 and 4 have been amended as follows:

2. (Once Amended) A vehicle lift comprising:

a plurality of vehicle lifting runways;

a volumetric operating system including an operating fluid supply, a pair of main cylinders and a pair of secondary cylinders that cooperate to move the vehicle lifting runways, wherein

the pair of main cylinders receive operating fluid directly from the operating fluid supply, and

each of the secondary cylinders receive operating fluid indirectly from an operating fluid outlet of a respective one of the main cylinders, and wherein each runway includes one of said main cylinders and one of said secondary cylinders.

4. (Once Amended) A vehicle lift as claimed in ~~claim 3~~ claim 2 wherein the operating fluid outlet of each main cylinder which is associated with one of the runways supplies a secondary cylinder which is associated with the other runway.